

REMARKS

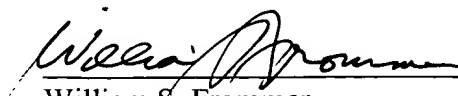
In the Office Action under reply, the Examiner kindly noted that claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance. To expedite the prosecution of this application to its successful conclusion, claims 17 and 18 are canceled, thus leaving only allowed claims 1-16 in this application. Accordingly, this application now is in condition for allowance.

Applicant will file a continuation to continue the prosecution of claims 16 and 17.

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. To the extent the Examiner's Statement states, implies or is construed to mean that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner believes the claims should be interpreted to include one or more features or limitations not recited therein, Applicant's attorney disagrees with such an interpretation. Moreover, it is Applicant's contention that there is no particular limitation in the allowed claims that is more critical than any other. The issuance of the Examiner's Statement should not be construed as a surrender by Applicant of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicant, by his attorney, to construe the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the instant application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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